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CALGARY FOR PA FIELD REP; CALGARY PLEASE PASS TO WINNIPEG

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SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP Individual Program - Letia Cousins
(Principal Candidate)

REFERENCE: OTTAWA 1504

Post is pleased to nominate Letia Cousins, Director,
Aboriginal and Circumpolar Affairs, Government of Nunavut
for a 21-day individual project. EVDB-formatted nomination
follows.

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ECA-OFFICE: E/VRW

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 333

ECA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: Cousins, Letia - Individual

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Individual

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2006

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PROJ-TYPE-ID: IND

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NOMINATING-POST-ID: 6540

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID: 322158

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: Education (General)

START BIO:

PREFIX: Ms.

F-NAME: Letia

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Cousins

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 124

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

GENDER: F

DOB: 10/01/1974

MAR-STAT:

BIRTH-CITY: Prince Albert, Sask

BIRTH-CNTRY: Canada

CITIZ-CNTRY: Canada

RES-CNTRY: Canada

START MEMO POSITION:

Director, Aboriginal & Circumpolar Affairs Department of
Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Government of
Nunavut

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

-Circumpolar Affairs Advisor - Department of Executive and
Intergovernmental Affairs, Government of Nunavut (2002-2004)

-Training expert in Statistical Analysis and Dissemination -
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
Organization, Harare, Zimbabwe (2001)
-Information Systems Management Delegate - International
Federation of the Red Cross and International Institute for
Sustainable Development, Mbabane, Swaziland (2000)
-Economic Modeling Specialist - Department of Economic
Development and Transportation, Government of Nunavut (1998)
-Career Development Officer - Department of Education,
Government of Nunavut (1997)
-Research Assistant- Department of Political Science, Acadia
University, Nova Scotia
-Teaching Assistant- Department of Economics, Acadia
University, Nova Scotia

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

Summer vacations in Washington, New York and Tennessee
(We note that the extensive list of places she has visited
in the U.S. is somewhat misleading. Ms. Cousins apparently
went to each place for only about a day or two, spread out
over her childhood years. For example, her visit to
Tennessee was for one day, to see the Nunavut hockey legend
Jordin Tootoo play.)

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

Australia, Botswana, Denmark and Greenland, Finland, Italy,
Mozambique, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Swaziland,
Switzerland, United Kingdom, and Zimbabwe

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

Master of Arts in Economics Candidate, Dalhousie University,
Halifax, present

B.A. with Honors in Economics, University of Alberta,

Edmonton, 1998

B.A. in Economics and Political Science, Acadia University,
Nova Scotia, 1997

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

Board of Directors - Nunavut Youth Abroad Program
Iqaluit Unit of the Girl Guides of Canada

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

Dietary or medical considerations (e.g. diabetic, allergies,
vegetarian): None

Smoker/non-smoker: non-smoker

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

FIRST-LANG: English

ENGL-READ: 5

ENGL-SPEAK: 5

ENGL-COMP: 5

START OTHER-LANGS:

OTHER-LANG: French

OTHER-LANG-ID: FR

READ: 3

SPEAK: 3

COMP: 3

END OTHER-LANGS:

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NOMINATING-OFFICER: CG Abigail Friedman

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

The Mission in Canada has put a priority on increasing
contact with representatives of the Northern Canadian
Territories. This nomination supports this Mission goal of
involving people of influence in the North through the
Virtual Presence Posts, outreach and programs. Letia
Cousins is Circumpolar Affairs Advisor for the Government of
Nunavut. Young, bright and Inuit, Ms. Cousins is widely
regarded as the future of Nunavut. She has taken advantage
of several opportunities to travel the world - most notably
spending nearly two years working in Africa, with the
International Red Cross in Swaziland and with UNESCO in
Zimbabwe. But she has always come back to Nunavut. "This
is where my family is and this is where I will stay," she
tells us proudly. This is good news for Nunavut Territory,
where the brain drain of talented youth is a serious

problem.

Letia Cousins is already proving herself a leader among her colleagues. She is on the Board of Directors of the Nunavut Youth Abroad program and she is training to be a Nunavut Justice of the Peace. Within the GON, she is the lead person in handling official visitors to Nunavut. She is a reliable interlocutor and an energetic supporter of our efforts to raise the U.S. profile in Nunavut. Letia Cousins recently returned from a GON mission to Greenland, where she represented Nunavut at a conference for future leaders.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: ConGen Quebec City

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: No

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: No

HOME-HOSP?: Yes

E-I-TYPE: ELEM

NOMINEE-ID: 500

PERSON-ID: 381

BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: CA

CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CA

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US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0

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